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Dear Sir:

In response to the Decision on Petition mailed July 29, 2003, Applicant hereby submits a properly executed Declaration directed to the correct United States patent application (10/031,862). Applicant respectfully requests the Assistant Commissioner to reconsider the petition and the above-captioned patent application continue with prosecution before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1759. A duplicate copy of this form is attached.

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